

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-02-16**

Date Prepared: February 11, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: February 16, 1999
Business Meeting: February 16, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.2.29 MDU – Montana-Dakota USBC – Discuss draft order requiring MDU to report on their USB program (2/17/99)
2. D98.3.68 – GFG – Great Falls Gas restructuring – Discussion, direction, action on motion for reconsideration, miscellaneous motions, other matters as necessary (2/17/99)
3. D98.10.220, D98.10.229, D98.10.230, D98.10.236 – IntraLATA – To discuss various intraLATA dialing parity issued for independent and cooperative telephone companies (2/17/99)
4. D98.10.252 – One eighty Communications – Discussion, direction, action on One eighty Communications' tariffs (CLEL tariffs) (2/17/99)
5. D99.2.26 – Complaint filed against USWC by nine independent LECs – Discuss complaint and get direction concerning issuing notice of complaint (2/17/99)

6. N99.2.27 – ACC Nat'l Long Distance – ACC Nat'l Long Distance Corp' tariff filing – Discuss filing and decide whether to accept or reject it (2/17/99)
7. D99.1.18 – FirstTel Inc. – FirstTel Inc.'s local exchange service tariff waiver request – Act on waiver request (2/17/99)
8. D98.8.190 – Western Wireless – Western Wireless ETC filing – To follow up on Commission direction, review status of application, discuss procedural conference (2/17/99)
9. N98.10.241 – USWC flexible pricing docket for Sidney and Fairview – Action or direction on filing (2/17/99)
10. D96.11.200 – AT&T – AT&T/USWC arbitration – Amendment 1 to arbitration agreement; discuss and vote on approval (2/17/99)

No business meeting week of February 22, 1999.

Legislative Meeting – Will be held at 9:30 am on the day of the Business Meeting.

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D99.1.16 (Eric)

On January 28, 1998, MPC filed for authority to issue and sell up to \$150,000,000 principal amount of new unsecured long-term debt in the form of medium term notes (MTNs) through and including December 31, 2000. In Docket No. D96.11.189, Order No. 5957, the Commission authorized MPC to sell \$150,000,000 of unsecured MTNs before December 31, 1998. MPC has issued about \$115,000,000 of those notes. The Company wishes to extend the authorization for those notes through December 31, 2000. A default order has been drafted.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.17 (Nina)

On January 28, 1999, Citizens Telecommunications filed Advice Letter No. MT-99-02, introducing additional Class offerings - Pay per use charges for Repeat Dialing and Call Return will be applied when the feature is activated irrespective of whether the call is completed or not.. The associated minimum rates, the price list, and supporting cost data for the new offerings were also filed.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – N99.2.24 (Kate)

On February 4, 1999, US West filed to revise the Cellular Loaner Program in accordance with its commitment to offer the program on a voluntary basis through December 31, 1999.

3. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS Co. – Docket N99.2.25(Vicki)

On February 5, 1999, Citizens Telecommunications filed tariff pages for text changes clarifying the Remote Call Forwarding Service and applicable usage charges.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – N99.2.23 (Bonnie)

On February 4, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-07 introducing a "MontanaChoice" feature package for residential customers in Competitive Pricing zones. Features include call forwarding, call waiting, caller ID, 3-way calling and anonymous call rejection. The standard MontanaChoice rate is \$5.58/month. The competitive zone rate is \$3.58

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-03-01

N99.2.24 USWC – Kate

N99.1.17 Citizens – Nina

D99.1.16 MPC - Eric

N99.2.23 USWC - Bonnie

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.2.23 – USWC – Tariff 99-07 Montana Choice Competitive zone package

N99.2.24 – USWC – Tariff 99-08 Revised cellular loaner tariff

N99.2.25 – Citizens – Tariff revision – changes to Remote call forwarding

D99.2.26 – USWC – Complaint against USWC by Clark Fork Tel, 3 Rivers,
Range, Northern, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Blackfoot & InterBel

N99.2.27 – ACC Nat'l Long Distance – tariff filing

D99.2.28 – MDU – Gas Tracker

D99.2.29 – MDU - Investigation into UBSP

N99.2.30 – USWC – Tariff 99-10 E-mail and URL Listing Packages

N99.2.31 – Sprint – Intro language & rates for Business Sense and Flex